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The last National Addreſs preſented to His Majeſty at *Hampton-Court*, the 16*th.* day of *November* 1700, by the Right Honourable the Lord *Yeſter*, Sir *John Pringle* of *Stichell* and Sir *Peter Wedderburn* of *Gosford* Baronets, Commiſſioners appointed for that end.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE Noblemen, Barons, Gentlemen, Burgeſſes, and other Subſcribers, your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful Subjects of this your Antient Kingdom of *Scotland*, having formerly from an unfeigned Zeal to your Majeſty's Service, and to the Good and Welfare of our Countrey Petition'd your Majeſty for a Meeting of the Eſtates in Parliament, in order to Support, and Aſſiſt our Company Trading to *Africa* and the *Indies*, which the Parliament had, by their Unanimous Addreſs to your Majeſty of the 5th. of *Auguſt* 1698, declared to be their own and the whole Nation's peculiar Concern, And your Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed to allow the Parliament to Meet on the 21*th.* of *May* laſt, whereby all your good Subjects could not but conceive ſuitable hopes of its happy iſſue, for the Honour and Intereſt of your Majeſty and People, do now beg leave to expreſs our deep Concern & Sorrow for the unexpected Adjournment thereof, without being permitted to do any thing towards the wiſh'd for end of its Meeting, And do in all humble manner concurr with the dutifull Addreſs lately preſented to your Majeſty, from rhe Plurality of the Members of Parliament, Repreſenting the Inconveniencies and prejudices ariſing to the preſſing Concerns of the Nation, from that Adjournment, and to the Rights and Liberties of Parliament, from the manner of it: And it is our Unexpreſſible Regret, that your Majeſty does ſeem to have been prevail'd upon by the Miſ-repreſentations of evil Councellours to iſſue out Proclamations, further Adjourning the Parliament, from time to time, whilſt not only did our ſaid Company ſtand extremely in need of the Countenance Support and Protection promis'd to it by your Majeſty in Parliament, and more eſpecially upon the Misfortunes that have of late befallen it by the ſucceſs of Enemies againſt its Colony of *Caledonia*, but whilſt alſo even the Nation it ſelfdid; and ſtill does, remain under the preſſure of ſuch Grievances as can only be Redreſs'd in Parliament,

And to the end that your Majeſty may have a juſt view thereof, we humbly beg leave to repreſent to your Majeſty how indiſpenſibly neceſſary it is, THAT the Proteſtant Religion be ſecured againſt the growth of Popery, Immorality and Profaneneſs; THAT the Freedom and Independency of this Antient Kingdom, and the Nation's Right and Title to *Caledonia*, as holding of your Majeſty's Crown of *Scotland*, be Aſſerted and Supported; THAT the good inclinations of your Majeſty and Succeſſors Kings of *Scotland* be preſerved from Foreign Influence, as well as from the Miſ-repreſentations and Pernicious Counſels of Unnatural Countrey-Men; THAT the frequency, and ſitting of Parliaments be ſecured and aſcertain'd, purſuant to the Claim of Right; THAT dangerous Influences upon the freedom of Parliaments, either by Gratuities, Penſions, or Farms of any branch of the Revenue, and the diſpoſing of any part of the Revenue or annexed Property of the Crown, otherways than acccording to Law, for the neceſſary ſupport of the Government, be prevented; THAT the publick Credit be reſtored, and an enquiry made into the Application of the Funds laid on, and appropriated by Parliament, for ſupport of the Government and payment of the Army; THAT the Security of the Nation, and Government, be ſettled in a duly regulated National Force, in ſtead of a ſtanding Army, ſo burdenſome to the Countrey, and dangerous to its Liberties; THAT the manner of applying the Security, which we have by our Claim of Right, for the Perſonal freedom of the Subject, againſt long and Arbitrary Impriſonment, as well as againſt Purſutes upon old and obſolete Laws, be ſpecially declared; THAT the Trade of this Nation be Encouraged & Advanced, by duly regulating its Export and Import, by diſcharging prejudicial Branches thereof, by fixing the value of our current Money, by encouraging Manufactories, by imploying the Poor, and more eſpecially by Countenancing and Aſſiſting our ſaid Company, in the Proſecution of its lawful Undertakings; And THAT all ſuch Articles of Grievances preſented to your Majeſty by the Eſtates of this Kingdom in the Year 1689 as have not yet been Redreſs'd, together with ſuch other Grievances as the Parliament ſhall, at the Meeting thereof, find the Nation aggrieved with, be Redreſs'd in Parliament.

And your Majeſty having by your Royal Letter, of the 24 of *May* 1689, been graciouſly pleaſed to declare, and give full aſſurance to our Repreſentatives in that meeting of the Eſtates, which ſettled the Crown and Royal Dignity of this Realm on your Majeſty, *That we ſhould always find your Majeſty ready to Protect us, and to Aſſiſt the Eſtates in making ſuch Laws, as might ſecure our Religion, Liberties and Properties, and prevent or Redreſs whatſoever might be juſtly grievous to us; That your Majeſty would never believe that the true intereſt of your People and the Crown could be oppoſite; and that your Majeſty would always account it your greateſt Prerogative to aſſent to ſuch Laws as might promote Truth, Peace, and Wealth in Your Kingdom.* We do therefore reckon it our duty, humbly to deſire and aſſuredly expect, that your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to ſatisfy the longing deſires, and earneſt Expectations of your People, by allowing your Parliament to meet, as ſoon as poſſible; and when mett, to ſit till they fully deliberate upon, and come to ſolid Reſolutions in the great and weighty Concerns of the Nation, and grant ſuch Inſtructions to your Commiſſioner, as may impower him to paſs ſuch Acts as the great Council of the Nation ſhall think moſt conducive to the true Honour of your Majeſty and Government, the welfare of this Realm, both as to its Religious and Civil Intereſt, and to the full quieting [illegible] of all your Majeſty's good People,

His Majeſty, after having heard this Addreſs read, was Graciouſly pleaſed to give the following Anſwer.

Gentlemen,

I can not take further notice of this Addreſs, ſeing the Parliament is now mett, and I have made a Declaration of my Mind for the good of my People, wherewith I hope all my faithfull Subjects will be ſatisfied.